

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,
HELD AT THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
MAY 5, 2009**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in a regular session of said Council at the Coeur d'Alene City Library Community Room May 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

John Bruning)	Members of Council Present
A. J. Al Hassell, III)	
Deanna Goodlander)	
Mike Kennedy)	
Woody McEvers)	
Loren Ron Edinger)	

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bloem.

INVOCATION was led by Pastor Ron Hunter, Church of the Nazarene.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilman McEvers.

PRESENTATIONS:

PROCLAMATION – BIKE MONTH: On behalf of Mayor Bloem, Councilman Bruning read the Mayor's proclamation designating the month of May as "Bike Month" in the City. Former Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee Chairman, Mac Cavasar accepted the proclamation. Mr. Cavasar commented that this is the third year they have done the Bike Month and they have placed "Bike your Drive" posters around town. There is a kick-off ride to the downtown area on Monday at 7:30 a.m., beginning at Riverstone Park. On Tuesday, May 12th there will be a dedication of the Kathleen Trail at the Mountain West Bank parking lot at noon. On Wednesday, the 13th, they will be having a Fashion Show at the Bandshell at City Park. On Thursday, the 14th, there is a free bicycle commuter clinic at Terra Sports. On Friday, the 15th, will be an awards celebration at Sherman Park at 5:30 p.m., and on Saturday, the 16th will be a bicycle rodeo at Kootenai Medical Center. The community is invited to all of these events.

Mr. Cavasar also voiced the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee's support of the Complete Streets program. Councilman Goodlander thanked Mr. Cavasar for his past service on the Ped/Bike Committee and for his strong support of the trails and Ped/Bike community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BIDS FOR LANDINGS PARK, PHASE 2: Cliff Yochum of Hillside Landscape Construction protested the Landings rebid because of the arbitrary application of different items on the bid form. He stated that the application form allowed the Parks Department to award the bid to their cronies. Mr. Yochum said that Hillside Landscape Construction was the only responsive bidder the first time around and because there was some confusion the Parks Department didn't award it to them. The bids were opened again last Monday and there were a variety of items that were supposed to be included. He asserted that Hillside Landscape Construction was the only bidder that included everything.

John Young, of Polin & Young stated that there was an error made in the original bid form that didn't comply with the Idaho Public Works naming law. As a result, no one responded correctly and the entire bid process was flawed. It is their position that Polin and Young had a responsive bid.

KATHY SIMS DISPUTE: Peter Erbland, the attorney representing Kathleen Sims and the Concerned Taxpayers of Kootenai County said they recently resolved a dispute with the City of Coeur d'Alene and as part of the resolution read a letter of apology on behalf of Kathy Sims. Councilman Edinger said that Ms. Sims' actions could have affected the last election that he and Councilman Hassell ran in.

HAROLD HOCKER'S COMMENTS: Harold Hocker, 1413 E. Spokane Avenue, commented that he had previously requested a list of fees charged to builders and had not received it yet. He also asked the ability to review any contracts between the City and the Lake City Development Corporation. Mayor Bloem asked the clerk to provide copies to Mr. Hocker.

LEASE OF OLD LIBRARY BUILDING AT 201 HARRSION AVENUE:

Councilman Bruning declared a conflict of interest since he is the President of the Board of Directors of St. Vincent de Paul.

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Goodlander, to bring this item forward. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT: Troy Tymesen, Finance Director, said that there are two viable potential lessees who are interested in the old library property. The current lease with the Salvation Army is expiring the end of this month. Idaho Code allows for the city to lease properties not needed upon such terms as the city deems just and equitable. Previously the city has been leasing this property for \$1,500.00 per month with the tenant paying for utilities. They had also been talking about the sale of the building to fund the new library.

Mr. Tymesen explained that the city purchased the building in 1985 from Louisiana Pacific for \$563,682.00 and have owned it for 24 years. In Strategic Planning sessions the council has talked about affordable housing strategies. Two years ago, council developed a plan for acquisition of the old federal building but chose not to take the building because it would have cost at least \$100,000 per year to maintain and contained much more square footage than the city needs. The Sherman Avenue space that the city leases is less square footage than the old library but the old library would take a lot of money to rehab it to the level the city needs.

Mr. Tymesen said that the city needs cash flow in these economic times and if the old library building is empty it does not gain in any value and will cost the city in excess of \$1,100 on average per month. Utilities are over \$1,500 per month. As a result, the city is seeking a partner that would be able to afford these costs on a monthly basis and potentially as the market changes will look to bring this building to a sale. Mr. Tymesen further noted that the old library building is valued at less than it was two years ago. The Idaho Code does not allow the city to sell the building without a public hearing.

Councilman Edinger confirmed that Idaho statutes allow the City to lease the building for whatever they deem equitable and that the market value for the space is quite a bit higher than \$1,500.00 per month. He asked if negotiations would possibly look at more than \$1,500.00 per month. Mr. Tymesen responded that they could and that the \$1,500.00 monthly lease amount is based on past history. He further confirmed that the lease would be for a one year period of time. If the building were sold, the lease agreement would provide for adequate time for moving, and the lessee would also have a right to be in the bidding process for the building.

Councilman Kennedy asked whether the city would be permitted to do a lease option on the property, an owner contract, or a step lease contract. Mr. Tymesen responded that the Idaho Code is very restrictive on the way in which the city liquidates real and personal property. The city would have to declare the property surplus and then have a public hearing. The city cannot lease with an option to purchase but it can carry a contract for up to 10 years. A step lease will not work according to Idaho Code.

Councilman Kennedy asked where the funds came from that made up the difference to pay for the new library since the old library wasn't sold? Mr. Tymesen responded that the city used its own cash to fill the gap for what the old library would sell for. The city has carried a note on behalf of the Library Foundation, who makes regular payments to the City of Coeur d'Alene.

Mr. Tymesen said that the council is presented with two very different tenant possibilities - St. Vincent de Paul, and The Bridge Charter Academy. One is older and established and the new one is working on future numbers.

Public Comments:

Jeff Conroy, 4965 N. Easy, is the Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul. Through a lease of the old library, he anticipates the St. Vincent de Paul Help Center which would be the state's first "one stop" center. He discussed the services provided by the St. Vincent de Paul organization and said they are a charter member of the City's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Committee. Mr. Conroy said there is a need for a one stop shop where agencies can come together, collaborate, and provide more efficient services. We need to take the limited resources in our community and be good stewards. Mr. Conroy said that they would plan to purchase the property within five years. Initial collaborating agencies are the Department of Labor & Commerce, Health & Welfare, Dirne Community Clinic, Project Safe Place, I-Care, the USDA Food Program, and St. Vincent de Paul. He further said that two years ago St. Vincent's was awarded the federal building but later returned it since the operating costs were too high, the building was too far away, and they experienced resistance from the neighbors. Mr. Conroy said that having those agencies under one roof would guarantee better, more efficient services to those who need it.

Councilman Kennedy asked about other agencies not listed in the business plan and asked if they would be expanding to bring in other groups as well. Mr. Conroy said they will be expanding but are starting with basic needs right now.

Bruce Noble, 238 Sequoia Court, Post Falls, said he is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Kootenai Bridge Academy. The Kootenai Bridge Academy was chartered in October of 2008 and will open in the Fall of 2009. It was chartered by former and present staff of SD 271 Bridge Academy when they saw a diminishing role for the Bridge at the School District. Mr. Noble said he believes that they have submitted a business plan that shows a successful start up and continuation of the academy and discussed grants received and funding through the State of Idaho. He further said that the first year budget for the Bridge Academy is guaranteed by the State of Idaho. Mr. Noble has a high level of confidence that their business plan will be met and possibly exceeded. Because the staff and administration are those persons who have already served at the SD271 Bridge Academy and its success has been shown, this will be a successful and continuous charter school.

Mr. Noble recognized the good works of St. Vincent de Paul and said that they believe that the Bridge Academy can also fulfill a function to prevent homelessness by providing an education for those students who are for some reason unable to complete their high school education through the classic classroom setting.

Councilman Edinger asked both Mr. Nobel and Mr. Conroy whether their organizations have looked at other locations. Mr. Noble confirmed that no other locations for the school have been looked at and commented that the old library is the best location and is the perfect size to accommodate their beginning as well as the growth that they have projected. Mr. Conroy also said that they have not looked at any other locations.

Mr. Nobel explained that the Kootenai Bridge Academy is actually almost a virtual academy in that almost all of the learning is done online. They still need to have a physical location, however, because there are certain aspects that cannot be provided online. They also have to have a physical setting so they can provide computers for those people who do not have access to computers. He also confirmed that people who graduate from the academy will actually receive a high school diploma.

Councilman Kennedy asked Mr. Nobel how the academy would you use 10,000 square feet since it seems larger than the business plan says. Charles Kenna, 239 Sequoia Court, Post Falls, the principal of the Bridge Academy, said that part of the space will be a computer lab. They also have an opportunity to work with a person from the Washington State University who will use some of this space to do lab science for home schools and for other groups which will be funded with state money. They also need space for home economics, speech communication, etc. The primary instruction is online and through computers but at any given moment there are 40 to 50 people that need to have work space. Community volunteerism is also a huge part of their program and they need space for that.

Councilman Kennedy asked about the declining enrollment in the old Bridge Academy. Mr. Kenna said that the greatest cause for the decline in productivity and attendance was the fact that the school previously had its own building and climate but the school district decided to take that very successful program that was helping a lot of kids and shoehorn it into Project CDA because they were having difficulty getting kids to attend Project CDA. Operating space was slashed by 75%.

Councilman Kennedy asked how reliable was the Bridge Academy's funding stream. Mr. Kenna said he can't assure what the future holds as far as attendance, but for the last six years the program got bigger every year except the last year when they didn't have their building.

Councilman Kennedy asked Mr. Kenna and Mr. Conroy if their organizations could pay \$1,500.00 per month. Mr. Kenna said that first year budget has allocated \$3,000.00 a month for rent, which is separate from utilities. The first year budget is guaranteed. Mr. Conroy said that their ability to pay rent would be coming from the nonprofit agencies that are under the roof with them. In order to pay for rent they would have to bring in more agencies. If it became an issue they would have to discuss that. The \$1500.00 plus utilities is what he is approved for from his Board of Directors.

Bob Ruckle, 1004 E. Autumn Crest Loop, Post Falls, said he has been affiliated with St. Vincent de Paul for about 5 years and is in favor of the one stop shop. He understands the needs of the homeless. He is ready to support the program with volunteer labor.

Karen Cotton, 2617 Silver Beach Road, is a Regional Director for Idaho H & W and is excited to be able to collaborate with St. Vincent de Paul on the Help Center. She

said that the Health & Welfare Department has seen an enormous increase in people coming in for services. March alone had 3,200 people come into their one office in Coeur d'Alene for benefits. Ms. Cotton explained that Health & Welfare will have four points of collaboration with St. Vincents. They will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding called "Ready Application." In Idaho, only Health & Welfare staff can determine eligibility for people to receive benefits. The Memorandum of Understanding allows outreach workers to assist mutual clients in completing their application and making sure they have all the necessary verifications. In exchange, H&W will train the workers. Applications will be expedited and moved forward for quicker benefits. Secondly, they will take their two navigation workers and allow them some time to be able to work directly in the help center to meet with people right there. Third, they will make sure that they provide current brochures, applications, other materials of H & W programs in the help center, including 2-1-1 careline. Fourth, they will station one adult mental health employee at the center one day a week to serve walk in people who come in. They are excited for the opportunity to expand their services out into the community.

Bob Peterson, 4204 Crown Avenue, said that he is a volunteer from the Episcopal Church. He has been volunteering at St. Vincent's for about 5 years in various volunteer capacities. Jeff Conroy needs a campus atmosphere that can be provided by this location. The St. Vincent de Paul operation will become much more effective if allowed to move into the building. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Jack Cotton, 2617 S. Silver Beach Road, said that he is the Program Manager for Behavioral Health in the 4 northern counties, Region 1. They have been a partner with St. Vincent de Paul for over 20 years. They also have a contract with St. Vincent to provide respite care for individuals who have persistent severe mental illnesses. They have agreed to place one of their clinicians at the one stop shop one day a week.

Councilman Kennedy asked if there are any restrictions inherent in some of the populations that can't be comingled or adjoined in the same building. Mr. Cotton said there are no restrictions when people receive services.

Brandi Smitherman, the new Director of Project Safe Place, said they are serving a population, including the youth and their families, who would benefit from having them located in the one stop shop. They are seeing an increased need and families with limited resources. Project Safe Place has two staff people and would love to be able to take the youth and their families personally to these different resources but don't have the manpower to do it. Being located at the one stop shop would help them to make sure that people are getting to the services that they need. The community at large, with everything that's going on, needs something like this.

Tiffany David, CEO for Dirne Community Health Centers, 1800 Lincoln Way, said they are the only community health center in Kootenai County and provide health services to the underserved. They have a homeless program and are consolidated into two locations. Homeless clients are in dire need of services that will be offered at St.

Vincent's one stop shop. She said that transportation is usually impossible to find for their patients. Dirne will be holding a clinic at the one stop shop one to two days a week. Having all of those services in one location would be invaluable to their client.

Michael Dobler, 3956 N. 19th Street, talked about the effect the Bridge Academy had in his life. His motivation for attending high school was his eligibility to participate in sports. After his senior football season he lost motivation and his grades slipped. His options were to test for a GED or attend an alternative school. A traditional classroom setting was not the right fit for him and the Bridge Academy offered more than just a diploma -- it motivated him to learn. He is now in the process of joining the Coast Guard.

Amanda Miller, 1283 Center Green Loop, representing the Dirne Health Centers said that she is in support of the one stop shop. They are starting May 12th to have clinics in St. Vincent's community room but are looking forward to their clinics in the new building twice a week. Last year Dirne provided over 3,000 medical, dental, and mental health visits to the homeless alone, which make up 10% of their patients. Barriers to services include access to telephones, finding transportation, acute or urgent issues that arise as a direct result of their homeless situation, same day appointments, and difficulty filling out paperwork. Most of these obstacles could be alleviated by having the one stop shop because of proximity to shelters, a walk in drop in clinic at the one stop shop, and being located in a building with all of the other providers. The one stop shop will also have a case assessment and needs management program.

Warren Bakes, Hayden Lake, teaches for the University of Idaho in Coeur d'Alene and was previously an administrator in the Coeur d'Alene School District for 32 years. He was involved in the start up and initiation of the alternative high school and had the opportunity to work with the Bridge Academy and found it to be an effective and caring group of people who fulfill a significant need in the community. He would hope that the council would give serious consideration to the Bridge and thinks they do serve an important role. He thinks that being "above the falls" and pulling the students out at that point is an efficient way to take care of their needs.

James Curb, 6062 Boathaven Lane, Twin Lakes, expressed appreciation for both entities and would like to be involved in both of them in the future. As District 271 Homeless Liaison Coordinator, within the first 5 months of the school year was able to identify over 230 students as qualifying as homeless in our school district. Many of the students that are homeless go unnoticed. Because of the dedication of St. Vincent de Paul the school district has been able to offer support to these families and are able to put them on a course of sustainability. He thinks St. Vincent de Paul is addressing a very critical need right now but are also providing a role model for collaboration and maximizing outreach.

John Albee, 4944 E. Shoreline Drive, said he is representing St. Vincent de Paul and the seniors. He has served on the Idaho Commission on Aging for about 9 years and

on the St. Vincent de Paul housing board since 1994. The key is location – the present facilities are within a block or less of the old library. Councilman Goodlander thanked Mr. Albee for his volunteer service for the seniors.

Byron Larson, said that he has lived in Coeur d'Alene in several different locations, but currently lives at 122 E. Borah Avenue. St. Vincent de Paul has been a part of his family's life and almost everyone he knows. Those people are some of the most caring and sensitive people to any and all that come through their doors. He commented that there are choices for schools that you attend but there are not always choices for people that have fallen over the dam and gone down the river. The St. Vincent de Paul emblem has a heart which says "Coeur d'Alene – the City with a Heart." St. Vincent de Paul can put the heart back into Coeur d'Alene.

Councilman Goodlander asked Mr. Conroy how many people they would be serving in the facility. Mr. Conroy said they are projecting anywhere between 75 to 100 persons per day.

Councilman McEvers asked if this was something practical – can we end homelessness. If you make it easier for people, do more come? Mr. Conroy responded that, if anything, we are making it easy to become not homeless. There are gaps in the system where they fall through now. Unfortunately there will always be a percentage of homeless.

Councilman Hassell said that St. Vincent is very effective in the community. In addition, he has also had some of his own children go through Project CDA. Both are well needed. However this is the right time for St. Vincent.

MOTION by Hassell, seconded by Kennedy, to direct staff to negotiate with St. Vincent de Paul for the lease of the old library building at 201 Harrison Avenue.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Hassell said that his reason for choosing St. Vincent's is that the number of partners working on the center and the number of patrons served is much greater. The funding stability for the rent is a factor as well and the proximity to all of the existing facilities.

Councilman Kennedy thanked Michael Dobler who spoke on behalf of the Bridge Academy and said that we need both Project CDA and the Bridge. He has been involved in the 10 year plan to End Homelessness Committee in the last year and a half and has been contacted by many organizations and churches. One of the goals of the 10 year planning is to bring together these groups to reduce the duplication of efforts and put dollars in a better stream. It is a crime that our homeless population is expanding most dramatically among our veterans. Not every scenario is going to work and we still need to reach out to agencies and churches, etc. This is the right time and the right location.

Councilman Goodlander said that she appreciates the effort that Councilman Kennedy

and the folks in the homeless committee have put together. Councilman Kennedy has spent a lot of time and energy with this goal and she supports it. St. Vincent de Paul has been talking to them for some time. She said that the Bridge Academy does great work but St. Vincent de Paul will serve more people. She hopes the Bridge Academy can find a location that works.

Mayor Bloem commented that this council often gets beat up when it looks at a lease for \$1,500.00 when we could be making \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00. She is extremely proud to be part of a council that does partner and cares about people and knows that the number one goal is about heart and not about the bottom dollar. Everyone here tonight has a heart and cared about something.

ROLL CALL: Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Edinger, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Bloem called for a recess at 7:55 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:05 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Edinger, to remove Item #E from Consent Resolution 09-020, Acceptance of Bid and Approval of a Contract with Polin & Young Construction, Inc. for the Landings Park, Phase II and approve the remaining Consent Calendar as presented.

Councilman Bruning declared a conflict on Item #A on the Consent Resolution, PUD on Fruitland Property, and abstained from voting on the Consent Calendar.

1. Approval of minutes for April 16, 21, 2009.
2. Setting the General Services Committee and the Public Works Committee meetings for Monday, May 11 at Noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
3. RESOLUTION 09-020 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING THE BELOW MENTIONED CONTRACTS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE INCLUDING APPROVAL OF PUD-3-08 – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT NOTICE FOR BRAUNSEN ADDITION; APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC RECORDS RETRIEVAL AND ELECTRONIC SHARING TECHNOLOGY; APPROVAL OF TITLE VI COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS – GOVERNMENT WAY PROJECT; ACCEPTANCE OF BID AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH SAFCO, INC. FOR THE 4TH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ~~AND ACCEPTANCE OF BID AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH POLIN & YOUNG CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE LANDINGS PARK, PHASE II PROJECT.~~
4. Authorizing staff to remove a tree at the Forest Cemetery, Section C.
5. Setting of Public Hearing – V-09-1 – Vacation of right-of-way at 2619 Seltice Way for June 2, 2009.
6. Authorizing staff to proceed with the Hanley Avenue/US-95 Intersection Improvements

7. Approval of beer/wine license transfer for Long Drive Golf Shop.
8. Approval of Beer/wine license for Scratch Restaurant at 501 E. Sherman Ave.
9. Approval of cemetery lot repurchase from Clell Newell.
10. A-7-08 – approval of Findings and Order for property at 1130 East Skyline Drive.

ROLL CALL: Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Edinger, Aye. Motion carried.

LANDINGS PARK PHASE 2 BID AWARD:

STAFF REPORT: Doug Eastwood, Parks Director, said that his recommendation is to award the contract to Polin & Young Construction. The project was rebid on April 27th and Polin & Young was the low responsive bidder. Mr. Eastwood said that Phase 1 is near completion. The entire Landings Park is scheduled for completion by the end of September, 2009. The property for the park was donated to the CDA Parks Foundation. The base bid amount for Phase 2 is \$449,590. Mr. Eastwood would also like to include bid alternate #3 for a small and large picnic shelter installation for \$22,391.00. The shelter distributor can do the work for \$28,000.00 but he would like to have the low bidder do the work since they can do it for less. Alternates #1 and #2 need further review. The funding for this phase of the park will be paid out of the Parks Capital Improvement Fund.

Mr. Eastwood said that the Landings subdivision will have over 800 homes and surrounding subdivisions will have at least that many more. Their goal is to provide a ratio of 4 acres of undeveloped park land per 1,000 population. They are slightly ahead of meeting this goal on a citywide basis.

Mr. Eastwood said that he thinks the comments and allegations brought forward by Hillside Landscaping and Mr. Yochum regarding the bid process are unfounded.

Councilman Kennedy said that he talked to the city attorneys about the process and both assured him today that the city was very much within its legal rights to award the contract.

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Bruning, to award the contract for Phase II of the Landings Park to Polin & Young Construction, Inc., which includes Bid Alternate #3.

DISCUSSION: Councilman McEvers asked about previous questions regarding ongoing maintenance. Mr. Eastwood said that those issues were worked out last year and they are using the Homeowners Association to help with tree plantings and fall material installation.

ROLL CALL: Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Eye; Edinger, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hassell, Aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilman Goodlander said that the library has seen a 15% increase in March for items checked out and database use from last year. They have 800 to 900 library users nearly every day. Ninety people attended the author presentation last Friday. Next week they are presenting a “The Flu and You” program on Wednesday, May 13th, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Room. On May 14th, in the evening, there will be a “History of the CCC in the Panhandle National Forest” presentation in the Community Room.

Mayor Bloem commented that on Saturday, at 2:00 p.m., will be the grand opening for the Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center. Tours will be given that day and on Sunday. The center will be open for business on Monday. Join in the fun!

APPOINTMENT – ARTS COMMISSION AND JEWETT HOUSE ADVISORY BOARD: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Goodlander to re-appoint Janet Launhardt to the Arts Commission and to appoint Michael Sullivan to the Jewett House Advisory Board. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: City Administrator Wendy Gabriel announced the Canfield Mountain Trailer Builder Day on May 9th, at 8:30 a.m., at the Shadduck Lane Park. Bring tools, shovels, picks, jeans, boots, and eyewear.

The North Idaho BMX Association will be presenting a Free BMX clinic at Cherry Hill Park on Saturday, May 9th. On Sunday they will have a race and kids race for free. During the clinic bikes will be tuned up at no cost, and any child without a helmet will receive one. There will also be free tee shirts for first time participants.

Also on May 9th will be the first Cherry Hill Disc Golf tournament. The course is available for viewing online on the city’s website at www.cdavid.org.

The Idaho Transportation Department has several projects underway:

Neider Avenue north to Wyoming overlay on both the north and southbound lanes. Due to the amount of traffic on Highway 95, the work will be done at night.

Blackwell Road to I-90 overlay, work in the evenings.

North of Ironwood to North Appleway, rehab on concrete bridge deck and overlay, starting after Labor Day.

The Ray and Joan Kroc Salvation Army dedication ceremony is this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. At the end of the day on Saturday, about 6:00 p.m., there will be a free concert featuring the Salvation Army band and youth choir.

The city just approved the bid for the 4th Street Project. The work will start in 10 to 14 days in the midtown area on 4th Street. There will be one lane open throughout construction.

The mayor and council recently attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Fruitland Neider 811 housing project, which is a 15-unit apartment house providing low income housing for persons with disabilities.

KMPO is looking for input on its non-motorized transportation plan. They will be accepting public input on May 19th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the trailhead pavilion at Q'emlin Park, 12201 W. Parkway Drive, Post Falls.

Construction has begun on the Fallen Heroes Plaza with completion by the end of June and dedication on July 11th in combination with 2nd Annual Parks Day celebration. The Parks Foundation is still accepting donations.

Ms. Gabriel reminded everyone that the city has a blog at cdacity.blogspot.com with the latest news about what is going on in the City of Coeur d'Alene.

The city is registering boys and girls for slow pitch softball, ages 5 to 12, May 4th through the 15th at Recreation Department. We are also registering for coed slow pitch, ages 13 to 15, May 18th to June 5th.

“Pitch, Hit & Run” is on May 9th, at 11:00 a.m., at the McEuen baseball field, for boys and girls, ages 7 to 14. The event is free.

ORDINANCE NO. 3360
COUNCIL BILL NO. 09-1012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.32 TO DELETE MERCHANT POLICE AND REPLACE IT WITH SECURITY AGENCIES AND AGENTS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Edinger, to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 09-1012.

ROLL CALL: Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by McEvers, seconded by Edinger, to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill No. 09-1012 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.

STAFF REPORT: Mac Cavasar presented the staff report on behalf of Monte McCully, Trails Coordinator. He said that one of the goals of the Ped/Bike Committee was to have in place a long term planning tool to facilitate bicycle and handicapped accessibility and multiple transportation. They started with a bike plan which set forth specific goals as far as developing the community. Since that time the community has ventured in broader directions and they felt it was time to take a step forward in putting together an overall policy for the community. The policy doesn't require that every street be done a certain way, but it does require that every street be looked at. The policy takes into consideration what the public need is.

Councilman Goodlander commented that the Complete Street policy lays out the things that the city needs to consider. It doesn't say you have to do it, but having it as a policy and a template will help them in the future as new things come in. She thinks it is a real step forward and a great opportunity for the city to move into the future and recognize that cars aren't the only way to get around.

MOTION: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Hassell to adopt Resolution 09-021.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Hassell commented that this is a progressive, forward-looking ordinance that allows for future streets to be designed, and is not something that forces us to go back and retrofit.

ROLL CALL: Kennedy, Aye; Hassell, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye. Motion carried.

FACILITY PLAN AMENDMENT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Wastewater Superintendent, Sid Fredrickson, provided a power point presentation and presented a request for Council approval of the draft Facility Plan Amendment, subject to Idaho Department of Environmental Quality review and approval, and authorization for staff to proceed with the necessary steps for implementation. The main purpose of the plan is to address near-term needs so that the city stays in compliance with the Plant and it also sets the stage for outside funding assistance for the facility. The Amendment amends the plan adopted in 2001. Key issues include Spokane River water quality issues, new treatment capacity, and a constrained treatment plant site. Mr. Fredrickson and Mr. Clark discussed the recommended plan, which includes Phase 5A Near-term ammonia control, low phosphorous demonstration testing, Phase 5B solids stream, and Phase 5C

liquid stream. They also explained the review processes and work efforts required, program costs, the overall program schedule, and reporting requirements.

Mr. Fredrickson commented that right now DEQ is not handing out grants to communities but they are making available very low interest loans which the city is looking at.

Councilman Kennedy asked what the expectation was for how long appeals may drag on. Mr. Fredrickson said that it depends on what is being appealed. He anticipates that the TMDL and the Washington permits will be appealed, and the Idaho permits will be administratively appealed. Total costs will be determined by the processes and technologies in effect at the time that they are needed.

MOTION: Motion by Hassell, seconded by Kennedy to authorize approval of the draft Facility Plan Amendment, subject to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality review and approval, and authorize staff to proceed with the necessary steps for implementation. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 3361
COUNCIL BILL NO. 09-1013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 1.28.010 TO PROVIDE FOR INFRACTION PENALTIES PUNISHABLE BY \$100 FINES FOR VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCES WHEN SUCH PENALTY IS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED OR REQUIRED BY OPERATION OF LAW; AMENDING SECTION 6.05.080 TO PROVIDE THAT ALLOWING A DOG TO RUN AT LARGE IS AN INFRACTION PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$100; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

MOTION: Motion by Hassell, seconded by McEvers, to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 09-1013.

ROLL CALL: Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Goodlander, seconded by McEvers, to suspend the rules and adopt Council Bill No. 09-1013 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Hassell, seconded by McEvers, to enter into Executive Session as provided by I.C. 67-2345 § SUBSECTION C: To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property, which is not owned by a public agency.

ROLL CALL: Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye. Motion carried.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. Members present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator and City Attorney.

Matters discussed were those of labor negotiations. No action was taken and the Council returned to their regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.

SEPARATION INCENTIVE PLAN: Motion by Hassell, seconded by Bruning, to authorize staff to proceed with the Separation Incentive Plan. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Goodlander, to recess this meeting to May 14, 2009 at 12:00 noon in the Library Community Room for a joint workshop with the Lake City Development Corporation. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 p.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Ferguson,
Deputy City Clerk